Resolved. That we Grand
Lodge Com. defend Brethren
Lyon Forbes & Dunfeldt from
the false rumors spread
against them & call for a
trial. Be exhort them to
continue their efforts in the
Masonic cause & to

Annual
Meeting of Synodical Committee for business at
12 o'clock, Opened with prayer by Mr Davis of Kansas
Committee appointed for nomination of ~~new members~~ Officers
of Executive Com^te of Home Mission, Mrs Barrett of
Iowa, Miss Patterson of Ills & Mrs ——
This Com^te retiring other business was attended
to. ~~Synodical Constitution~~ The following resolution
~~was~~ proposed, Resolved: &c

Synodical Constitution was then discussed
New York Constitution read & a few alterations made

It is also recommended that this leaflet be printed and sent to each Synodical Society to be distributed within the bounds of their Synod to every auxiliary.

Committee on Synodical Constitution ~~over the~~ after making changes offer the following resolution which was adopted unanimously

Mrs James then spoke of the importance of impressing upon the Synodical Society the fact of the great necessity of sending two delegates to the Annual meeting. A motion is made and carried that the Officers be requested to elect two delegates to attend annual meeting of Woman's Ex. Com^te they being members of Ex. Com^te after discussion a new motion is made with two amendments as follows that we recommend each Synodical Society to elect one or more delegate

Recommended
That Each Synodical Society, at their Annual meeting, Elect one or more delegates to attend the annual meeting of General Assembly. And if those Elected cannot attend let the Synodical Officers appoint others, Expenses to be paid if practicable from "Contingent Fund"

at their Annual meeting to attend annual meeting
of the Ex. Com at Gen. Assembly. If appointed
delegates cannot attend, that the Synodical
Officers appoint others + that the expenses be paid
by Synodical Society if practicable. This latter
motion seconded + carried

Mrs Roberts offers a motion that the resolution
presented by Com^te^ re Constitution be appended to
the leaflet giving instructions to Synodical Socie-
ties + printed with it carried.

Nominating Com^te^ report the following names
as Officers P Womans Ex. Com^te^ of Home Missions

The Com^te^ also recommend that the Womans Ex.

Com^te be allowed to add the names of women who are recommended from their Synods but whose names have not yet reached us.

Mrs James ~~dec~~ expressed a wish to resign as President owing to the fact that ~~she~~ on account of health of herself and family she was obliged to be away from home for a year; this objected to unanimously and motion made & carried that Mrs James be granted leave of absence but her name retained as president.

~~Mott~~ Motion made that the Ex. Com^te residing in New York and attending the monthly meetings be empowered to make all arrangements necessary to fill Mrs James place during her absence.

Mrs Niven then gave a little account of the working at Ft o Bray as seen by her.

Motion made & carried that resolution of thanks & sympathy be offered to the Ex. Com^te for the faithful performance of the work which has been committed to them the past year with the assurance of the prayers of the women in the future ~~of them~~ for ~~safe~~ guidance & strength.

Mrs Bryan then spoke very feelingly in regard to the ~~two~~ members of Ex Com^te living near enough to New York to enable them to attend to the work at this end of the line, saying she for one was not willing to take any part of the honor when she did so small a portion of the work. Mrs James then remarked that the

Woman's Ex. Com^tee were all over the U. S. & that ~~they were~~ each one was a part of the Ex. Com^tee, just as much as those living nearer.

It was requested that the Ex. Com^tee be allowed to have an advisory Com^tee located in & about New York, & to increase from time to time as they shall find women who can give able counsel & who shall be able to meet with them at the regular meetings from month to month.

Mrs Bryan ~~made~~ makes the a motion which was carried, that the Com^tee be allowed to take such steps as is necessary & to help them in their meetings.